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I Am Your Church Paper

BY DR. MARTIN ERIKSON
Editor of THE STANDARD

I am your church paper. Let me tell you about myself.

From far off Korea a chaplain wrote me the other day. "I am lonesome for you" was the essence of his note.

In his recent moving around, we had missed connections. Now he wanted me to catch up with him. Noticing the urgency of the missive, my editor sent me by plane to Korea in order that I might brief the chaplain on latest developments within his denomination. And when in a dimly lit tent on a hill in that sad land I brought him news of God's blessing upon the work of the Christian fellowship of which he was a part, he was deeply moved. He felt in vital touch again with the people of his faith.

This is one of my assignments. I serve as a connecting link between the churches of my denomination and between the denomination and those whom duty or circumstance have sent far away from the center of things.

"A contacting medium." That's what a pastor, now residing in Europe, called me in a recent letter. Some, especially missionaries, claim that to them I am — "just like a letter from home."

Remarks like that make me

feel grateful. I realize that I have a task — an important task.

Quite frequently people write me letters of encouragement, expressing themselves in such a nice way that I feel good all over from the name plate on my face to the tiny figure in the bottom corner of my back page. Words of appreciation are oxygen for my ink blood.

Were it not for the fact that Protestant Press Month is so near at hand and certain authorities have urged me to tell a bit concerning myself, I would never mention these things. Even now my white pages nearly blush when I try to quote these lovely sentiments. But here they are — just a few of them:

Readers Express Appreciation

"It is binding our hearts together in a great bond of Christian fellowship," writes one pastor. "Like a great heart sending life and warmth to all parts of the denominational body," is another word picture of the service pastors feel their church paper renders. "I thank God for the fine unifying influence of the paper," writes a successful church leader. Another declares: "Next to God and His Holy Word we have our Seminary and our denominational

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MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS HEAR REPORT ON COLLEGES

Recommend Enlarged Christian Education Committee

SUGGESTS MORE COOPERATION AMONG SCHOOLS

Mississippi Baptists received last week an encouraging official report of their five Christian education institutions, learning there is a widespread wholesome interest in the schools, general morale is high, a fine degree of devotion to Christian ideals prevails, three of the four colleges are fully accredited and enrollment is generally favorable.

This appraisal was submitted by a special committee of leading out-of-state Southern Baptist educators selected by the Education Board.

Each dollar given in Mississippi will be divided, 57½% for State causes and 42½% for Southern Baptist Convention objectives.

Dr. Routh explained that the above was possible because the capital-needs budgets and operating-expense budgets of the other Southern Convention causes had been met for 1953.

45 Mississippians At Southwestern Seminary

There are 45 Mississippians enrolled this term at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, with their names and home addresses listed below:

Alexander, Edith, Itta Bena; Alexander, Mrs. M. M. Jr., Corinth; Armstrong, O. Franklin, Indianola; Armstrong, Mrs. O. F., Indianola; Baria, William Armistead, Gulfport; Barnett, Charles Lamar, Batesville; Blanton, Wm. Clarence, Philadelphia; Bourne, Roy Harold, Columbia; Bright, Ira B., Jr., Aberdeen; Comper, Robert Lee, Jr., Florence.

Crimm, Marvin A., Morton; Crosby, John W., Ackerman; Cutrer, Willie Mae, Magnolia; Downs, Thomas Abernathy, Clinton; Embry, Annie Clara, Doddsville; Gentry, Charles Melvin, Baldwyn; Harper, Bartis B., Gulfport; Hart, Betty Louise, Sandy Hook; Hearn, Bobby Joe, Laurel; Hickson, John Wm., Jr., Sandersville; Hickson, Mrs. J. W. Jr., Sandersville.

Jarvis, C. E., Booneville; Johns, Harrison, Tunica; Kinard, Hugh S., Jr., Marion; Long, Joe Leonard, Saltillo; McKee, James Garland, Greenville; Magee, Edith Nell, Tylertown; Mitchell, James Calvin, Batesville.

Moore, Alvyn Webster, Pelahatchie; Phillips, Harry K., Kosuth; Pinson, Thomas Coatney, Charles-ton; Pratt, David, Pope; Pray, Hellen Eula, McComb; Raddin, Ray Paul, Hattiesburg; Raddin, Mrs. R. P., Hattiesburg; Rayburn, Tommy Felix, Meridian.

Rentz, Ben A., Jr., Jackson; Sims, Margaret Ann, Laurel; Skel-

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Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, and provided Mississippi Baptists for the first time in their history a comprehensive, factual and unbiased appraisal of their own educational institutions.

The 20-page report, which was prepared at the request of the State Convention in session last November was read in person by Dr. R. Orin Cornett, of Nashville, executive secretary of the Southern Commission.

The report included general observations on the denomination's five schools, points of strength, limitations, points of weakness and recommendations.

The report is to provide information which the convention can use to take possible steps to improve the effectiveness of its institutions, both individually and collectively. The report will be formally submitted to the convention November 16-18 by the Mississippi Baptist Education commission with possible recommendations for action.

On Wednesday, Sept. 30 the Boards of Trustees and administrative staffs of the five schools — Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain; Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg; Clarke College, Newton; Mississippi College, Clinton and the Mississippi Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Jackson, heard the long-awaited report.

Concerning general observations the committee noted that in 1951 the state convention gave a slightly higher percentage of Cooperative Program funds to Christian Education than the average.

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Cooperative Program Gifts Set New High In September

September gifts to the Cooperative Program totaled \$130,235.61 a new all-time high mark for any one month in history, according to announcement by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

This brings the grand total for this convention year, Nov. through Sept. 30, to \$1,077,784.95 leaving \$122,215.05 to be given in October in order to reach the advance goal of \$1,200,000.

Seventy additional churches made a contribution to the Cooperative Program during September for the first time this convention year, bringing to 1454 the total number of contributing churches. This leaves only 250 churches that have not made a gift so far this year.

Three additional associations be-

came 100 per cent Cooperative Program associations during September. These were DeSoto, Oktibbeha county and Bolivar.

This brings the total number to 13 for this convention year. The other 10, previously reported, are: Warren, George, Walthall, Grenada, Pike, Lafayette, Gulf Coast, Jackson, Jeff Davis, and Washington.

Eleven associations now lack only one church of being 100 per cent while several lack only two churches and some lack only three.

\$918,279.14 was given to the Cooperative Program through Sept. 30 last year, compared to the \$1,077,784.95 this year, a gain of \$159,405.81 or 17.35 per cent.

All Eyes Focused On Stewardship Week 18-25

With October already appearing on the calendar all Mississippi Baptist eyes are being focused on the big Week of the year — Christian Stewardship Week, Oct. 18-25.

W. R. Roberts, of Jackson, State Brotherhood secretary and general chairman of the week says that advance indications are that the observance will be a tremendous success.

Mrs. O. M. Jones, manager of the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, said that more than 25,000 books for the Schools of Stewardship had already been delivered with orders coming in every mail.

She said that an unprecedented demand for other stewardship materials for the Week had been noted.

Joe Abrams, Director of Promotion, said that the State Promotion office had been deluged with requests for tracts, pamphlets, posters, films and other materials to be used in connection with the Week.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, reports an unusual interest in every section of the state concerning the week.

"The real purpose of the Week is to take definite steps with Christ in the matter of Stewardship," he said, pointing to the study of the books, making a church budget, P. M.

Mississippi Baptists

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erage Southern Baptist state.

COMPETITION FROM JUNIOR COLLEGES

In the field of limitations the report pointed to the competition of "one of the most extensive systems of public junior colleges in the nation," and the very few large centers of population.

In the matter of points of weakness the report referred to a greater need throughout for better public relations, a need for a keener sense of unity among the schools, a need for more funds, particularly operating and capital expenditures, and a need for better and more uniform business office practices.

The report noted that although all the colleges are currently operating within their incomes, that two of the schools, Blue Mountain and Clarke, have a cumulative debt incurred over a period of years.

Recommendations included the setting up of an organized Plan designed to cause the institutions to work together better, especially in their fund-raising efforts, and special efforts toward exploiting of additional sources of revenue.

The report went into details also regarding weaknesses in the several schools and suggested some remedies to offset them.

In commenting on the individual schools several highlights were noted. Blue Mountain College was characterized as "representative of higher Christian Education at its very best."

The report commented on "the impressive record of accomplishments by the graduates of Mississippi College," and noted the excellent enrolment, low cost per student and emphasis on Christian principles.

The report pointed to the geographic and population opportunities of Mississippi Woman's College and commended the school for its determination and accomplishments since its reactivation several years ago.

Clarke College was singled out for its distinctive character and its ability to meet a specific need. A real devotion to its objectives and a willingness to adopt new methods was emphasized.

The report pointed out the good organization and quality of instruction at the Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. The committee was impressed by the fact "that the school provides for both white and colored nurses in a constructive environment."

The Southern Baptist Education Commission has previously conducted similar surveys in Kentucky and Texas, and according to Dr. Cornett, with final good results.

SURVEY COMMENDED

The State Convention Board unanimously adopted resolutions of strong commendation for the survey committee for its objectiveness and efficiency.

The committee further suggested that the four college presidents be added to the Education Commission.

On Tuesday, Sept. 29, the State

Convention Board's Committee of 150, coming from every section of the state, heard the report and on Monday, Sept. 28, the State Baptist Education Commission heard the survey report.

All three groups hearing the report expressed appreciation for the report and commended the committee for its efforts.

Personnel selected for membership on the survey committee were as follows: Rupert N. Richardson, President, Hardin-Simmons University (now emeritus); Claude F. Gaddy, executive secretary, North Carolina Baptist Council on Christian Education; Warren F. Jones, president, Union University; Charles W. Burts, president, Short-



er College (now director of Graduate Studies, Furman University); Paul K. Nance, treasurer - comptroller, Oklahoma Baptist University; Ben C. Fisher, executive secretary, Department of Christian Education, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, and R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary, Education Commission, Southern Baptist Convention.

175 ENROLLED IN YWA AT BLUE MT. COLLEGE

Blue Mountain, Miss., Oct. 3—There are 7 Y. W. A. circles at Blue Mountain College, one on each floor in the dormitories. Each circle has its own officers. Once a month a General Assembly Y. W. A. meeting is held in Broach at which time there is either a visiting speaker or an interesting program presenting Missions.

The students especially enjoy the community missions project each month. In this way an effort is made to help someone in the community either by giving them something they need or by ident.

visiting.....

The college Y. W. A. is planning to have a Y. W. A. House party on Nov. 20-22. It is hoped to have young people visiting from all the counties in the northern half of Mississippi.

The circles are named after some missionary. The names of 4 of these circles are: Amelia Rapold, Eunice De Sousa, Tell De Foore, Gladys Keith and Hattie Dotson. The others have not been named as yet.

There are 175 girls enrolled in Y. W. A. this year.

Miss Lolete Dotson, the daughter of 2 of our missionaries to South Africa, is the Y. W. A. pres-

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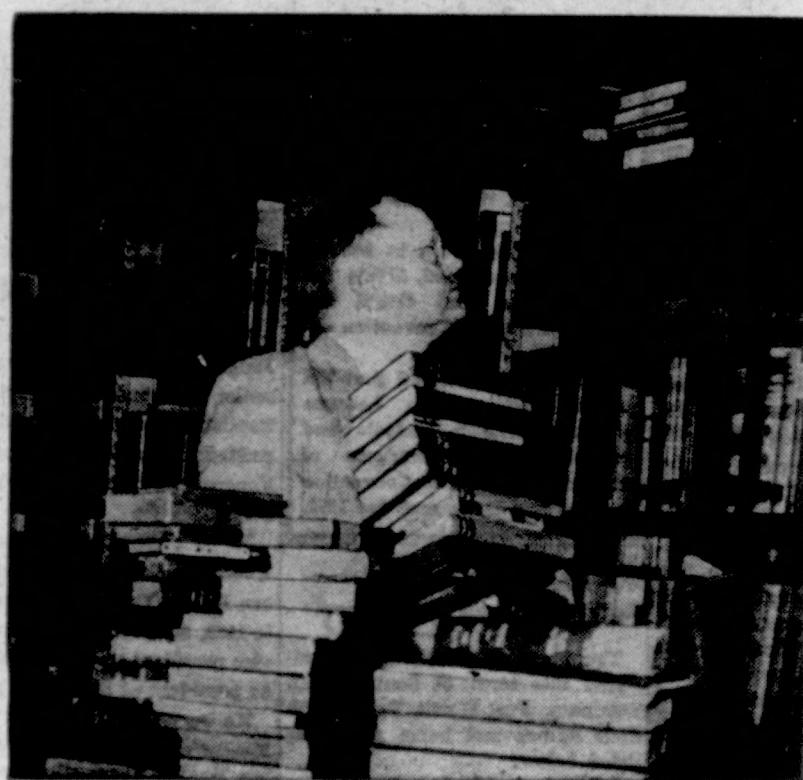
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One of the World's Great Libraries —but no suitable building to house it!

The Southern Seminary library "building"—a wing of Norton Hall (and badly needed for classrooms)—is bulging with its 125,000 books and bound periodicals, collected over a period of 94 years. Yet room for 40,000 more volumes is urgently needed!

The new School of Religious Education and the rapidly growing School of Church Music require additional library facilities. The concept of a library has grown and its functions multiplied in recent years. Space is needed also for disk records, microfilm storage and viewing, slides, tape recordings, cataloging and repairing of books.

Southern Seminary needs a large, separate building for its library. We are counting on every Baptist—and on the Cooperative Program—to help us build this new Library—NOW!



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Duke K. McCall, President

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Fact vs. Fiction

It is easy to make statements but sometimes a little difficult to prove them. Many of our readers are familiar with the oft-repeated claim of the Wets that making liquor legally and easily available to everybody causes less drinking. They cite European countries as proof. As proof that that claim is not so we ask our readers to read the following from the Christian Herald:

"The problem of alcoholism in France has become so serious and immediate that the cost of maintaining addicts now exceeds and greatly exceeds all revenues in taxes on liquors as well as in licenses issued to bars and cafes. After a recent partial survey of the situation, the French Ministry of Public Health estimated that 6,393,225 working days are lost by alcoholics who are at present interned or hospitalized.

"Did you ever hear it said that Europe knows how to carry its liquor; that overseas drinking is what drinking should be in the United States; or that the French drink like ladies and gentlemen? Ever since World War II it has been dinned in my ears that only Americans drink to excess and that Europeans teach their sons and daughters, from the cradle, to drink 'intelligently.' Well, don't you believe it!"

—BR—

A Fantastic Decision

Religious News Service reports that a Rhode Island School Board has denied application of the Gideons to present New Testaments to any pupils willing to receive them.

One of the committeemen, George D. Hall, said he favors religious education, but he believes it comes under the province of the church and parents and not the public schools. How he makes the distribution of the New Testaments religious education is beyond our simple ability to reason. He also said members of the committee "would be leaving themselves open to an awful lot of criticism," if they permitted the Bible distribution.

"The public schools were built on the foundation of separation of Church and State," he said.

Again we are unable to see where the distribution of New Testaments has anything to do with the separation of Church and State.

There is no evidence in the news dispatch that the Gideons would try to force anybody to receive a New Testament. This worthy group planned to offer a New Testament to anyone who would accept it. It was the pupil's privilege to accept or reject.

We do agree with Committee-



man Hall that making the Bible distribution would leave the school open to an awful lot of criticism from a certain church. But denying their distribution will also cause much criticism.

We do not refer to the kind of criticism that he had in mind. Our belief is that the criticism will come from many of those parents who would have been glad for their children to have received a Testament. We think it is very narrowminded and unjust to take such a stand.

—BR—

America Still Not Christian

Although the United States claims to be a Christian nation, we have a long way to go to reach that ideal. As evidence, we have the 1953 edition of the *Yearbook of American Churches* which is just off the press. Some of the facts therein are heartening, but there are many that make us blush in shame.

We note with pride that Baptists, with 24 different groups reporting, have 17,470,111 members. Methodists have 11,664,978 and the Roman Catholics 30,253,427. However, the Catholic figures include all sprinkled members of every Catholic family, which includes the babies.

All Protestants, including Baptists total 92,277,129.

The disheartening fact is that although church membership is at an all time high, more than 40 per cent of our population is still unreached. And even though the total membership is more than 92 million, everyone knows that not all of these are saved people —

they are just church members.

Our population is now more than 160 million. This means that 68 million (which includes babies and those who have not yet reached the age of accountability) have not yet been reached.

All of these figures are just that many more reasons why Baptists should keep hanging on. These figures emphasize the importance of "Transfer Church Membership Week," "Stewardship Week," "A Million More in '54" and eternal vigilance in soul-winning.

—BR—

Our Readers Write**BILLY GRAHAM MAKES WISE DECISION**

Dear Editor:

You have probably read that we had an option to buy an estate in Colorado for the purpose of a spiritual retreat.

We have decided definitely not to go ahead with the project. I am convinced that the Lord would have me concentrate on evangelism. The announcement that Russia has the hydrogen bomb has made me feel that we must intensify our Christian activity, particularly in the realm of evangelism. I am also convinced that the Lord would have us to integrate our work into the life of the church. Therefore I have completely stepped out of the picture in Colorado. No money had been contributed, though a considerable amount had been pledged. All of those who had pledged finances have been informed of our decision.

However, it is my understanding that the Navigators, Inc. of Los Angeles, California, are going to try to purchase it alone for a headquarters for their organization. They are a fine group and I wish them every blessing of God.

We have made a decision not to own any property, start any organizations, or build any schools or conferences. The Lord willing, I shall make my contribution to the Kingdom of God by the

preaching of the Gospel and the winning of men to Christ and His church.

Particularly will I appreciate your prayers as we contemplate going to London early next year for an evangelistic mission in that city where less than one per cent of the population regularly attends church. We would appreciate your prayers in our next campaign that begins September 27 in Detroit, Michigan, where a special building seating 14,000 has been constructed.

Most cordially yours,
BILLY GRAHAM.

Comment: We heartily agree with Dr. Graham in his decision. If some others would take the same stand there would be less friction and better results.

Too many are making evangelism a side line and putting the emphasis on buildings, business and what seems to be the beginnings of a personal denomination.

—BR—

O. K. FROM PASTOR'S WIFE

I was glad to see the article in a recent Baptist Record entitled "Brother Layman Don't Do This." I am a pastor's wife.

As a rule when pastors and their families undergo mistreatment, indignities, insults and even persecution, they are so ashamed and so hurt that they try to keep it secret from outsiders. I have come to believe that if pastors would openly discuss these things with other pastors the wounds would not be so deep nor the shame so great.

It happens to all of us. A pastor may change churches before the storm breaks but he has merely read the storm warnings. And he may know assuredly that the same things will happen again with a few short years.

A visiting minister once told me, "The pastor's wife is often mistreated because she cannot and will not strike back as a woman in any other position would be sure to do." That brought me consolation.

If they would discuss these things, preachers could be prepared for them; they could often get advice on how to handle the matters; they would have someone to pray for them and sympathize with them; some of the bitterness might be removed and even some humor might be uncovered. And probably fewer false reports would be given out by the trouble making element.

Paul did not keep his persecution and abuse a secret. He wrote about it to the pastors and the churches and for the whole world for all time to come to know about.

If an end could be made of this "conspiracy of silence," churches which commit such crimes against pastors would be exposed in the denomination. They would have so much difficulty securing pastors that they might make a serious effort to stop such conduct among their membership.

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ROYAL AMBASSADOR WEEK

November 1-7 is Royal Ambassador Week. This will be an excellent time to promote the work of the chapter. The Royal Ambassador Committee, the counselors, and the chapter members should begin getting ready for this Focus Week. The Recruiting Embassy can make good use of this week in getting new members. Publicize Royal Ambassadors and the work of the chapter.

NOVEMBER 1-7



SUGGESTIONS:

1. Organize a Royal Ambassador if your church does not have one.
2. Help organize a chapter in another church.
3. Have an associational conclave.
4. Have an Initiation Service for new Pages.
5. Have a Recognition Service.
6. Let Royal Ambassadors have charge of Mid-Week Prayer Service.
7. Have an overnight camp or hike.
8. Have chapter members usher for the Sunday services.
9. Have chapter sit in a group on Sunday.
10. Use this as a time to present the new charter.
11. Have Father-Son or Brotherhood-Royal Ambassador Banquet. This would be a good time to inform men about Royal Ambassadors.

Every Royal Ambassador leader and member should have its own subscription to "Ambassador Life," our Royal Ambassador magazine. Check your subscription, it may be time to renew it. If you do not receive a copy then subscribe now. Address: "Ambassador Life," 600 N. 20th St., Birmingham, Alabama.

45TH ANNIVERSARY



MISSISSIPPI GOALS:

1. Every Royal Ambassador home receiving "Ambassador Life."
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3. Every Christian boy a missionary.
4. Every Baptist church having a Royal Ambassador chapter.
5. Every association having an associational conclave.

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Waynesboro First Observes Pastor's 10th Anniversary



REV. ELDIE HICKS

The First Church of Waynesboro observed the tenth anniversary of its pastor, Rev. Eldie Hicks with special services on Sunday, Oct. 4.

The pastor and congregation were taken by complete surprise when Mr. Henry aCsell, one of the Deacons, "took over the chair for the morning service and presented a well-planned program prepared in secrecy by the Deacons and Herbert Valentine, minister of music and education.

The featured speaker was Rev. Joe Abrahms, of Jackson, state Baptist Director of Promotion, who reviewed the process of the church during the past decade and challenged them to greater things for the future.

Each organizational head of the church took turns briefly paying tribute to the pastor and Mr. Cassell presented to the pastor an appropriate gift including a suit of clothes and a \$100 gift certificate.

During the past 10 years a total of 443 members have been added to the church, 199 by baptism. A total of \$163,525 has been given to all causes by the congregation.

Gifts to missions has climbed steadily through the years, beginning with \$1,123 in 1943-44 and totaling \$3,911 the past year.

Sunday School enrollment climbed from 289 10 years ago to a present 495.

The church building has been redecorated, an annex built, an organ added and air-conditioning installed.

A parking lot has been added and a home for both pastor and educational director acquired.

BR.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS

Church	Enroll-	Offer-
	ment	ing
Beulah (Holmes)	62	\$12.00
Clarkson (Zion)	75	15.79
New Light (Negro)	38
Vancleave (Jackson) ..	71	9.01
Ledlow (Scott)	86	17.32
New Salem (Lowndes) ..	30	18.14
Eudville (Pontotoc) ..	75	11.00
Locust Hill (Pontotoc) ..	119
Woodland (Pontotoc) ..	87	5.00
Becker (Monroe)	315	12.03
Spring Hill (Tallahatchie) ..	37	4.33
Immanuel (Pontotoc) ..	55	11.45
Union Ridge (Winston) ..	53	4.12
Johnson Creek	37	10.50

NEW SHUQUALAK CHURCH BUILDING



Shown above is a likeness of the new building of the church at Shuqualak, Rev. T. C. Johnson, pastor.

The total cost is estimated at \$110,000. The church is being used but is not completed as yet on the inside.

The church has averaged giving \$2000 per month for two years, including building fund.

A new organ has been installed, given by Mrs. Isham Evans and Mrs. J. C. Broadfoot in memory of the late Hattie Evans Watts.

The new building will be air-conditioned.

NOTICE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE INTENTION AND PURPOSE OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HOSPITAL AND ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO SEEK APPROVAL FROM THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND ERECTION OF A DOCTORS' OFFICE BUILDING IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION.

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital held at the Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi, and pursuant to due and proper call, and said said Meeting held at 9:30 A. M. on Tuesday, September 22, 1953, the following proceedings were had and done and as now shown by the Minutes of the said corporation and same being published in the Baptist Record as compliance with Article X of the Constitution of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, to-wit:

"Mr. Simmons then directed the attention of the members of the board to Article X of the constitution of the Mississippi Baptist Convention providing, among other things, that:

"No new object or enterprise involving the expenditure of money shall be projected by any institution or agency of the Convention unless approved by the Convention, and unless announcement of the purpose to seek such approvement shall be made through the columns of the 'Baptist Record' at least one month before the meeting of the Convention that shall be asked to approve such project.

"Construction on no new project, involving the expenditure of money, shall be launched by the Convention or any of its institutions or agencies until the money for such project is in hand, unless said project can be completed in units. Then the project may be launched when money is in hand for the first unit and the project may be promoted unit by unit as money is available."

"It being the sense of this meeting, as elsewhere evidenced by our Minutes, that it is to the best interest of the Baptist denomination, the Mississippi Baptist Hospital, the people of Jackson and vicinity, as well as the entire state, that the proposed Doctors Office Building should be erected, and in order to comply with the provisions of said Article X the following resolution was thereupon introduced by Mr. Zach Hederman, seconded by Mr. J. S. Love, discussed and unanimously adopted, to-wit:

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital convened in special session, in accordance with proper call as provided by the By-Laws, on Tuesday, September 22, 1953, at 9:30 o'clock A. M. at the office of the corporation in the Mississippi Baptist Hospital Building in Jackson, Mississippi, that announcement of the purpose to seek the approval of the Mississippi Baptist Convention at its next annual meeting for the erection of said proposed Doctors' Office Building and any financing in connection therewith, be published and made through the columns of the Baptist Record and at least one month before the next annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and as provided by Article X of the Constitution of said Mississippi Baptist Convention, and so as to comply therewith, and so that it will be in order at said annual meeting of said Convention to request the approval of such project, and all as required by the provision of said Article X."

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

UNION COUNTY ASSOCIATION HOLDS MUSIC WEEK

Under the leadership of Rev. Horace Thomas, Associational Music Director for Union County, a full week of Music Emphasis was held in First Church, New Albany, September 21st through the 27th. Classes were held in Theory and Conducting, taught by W. C. Morgan and Rev. David Smitherman. Brother Smitherman is pastor of the Temple church at Myrtle. Everyone took part in the choral session held during the second period each evening. The week was climaxed with a Hymn Sing on Sunday afternoon, the 27th. Dr. J. R. Davis is pastor of the New Albany church.

According to Horace Thomas, Associational Director, the Hymn Sing was one of the best ever held in the association. There were 145 people in attendance with 16 churches represented. Special numbers were presented by the New Albany Girls Ensemble and the Girls Trio from the Myrtle church. Congregational singing and hymn demonstrations were led by the various choir directors. The Constitution and By-Laws recommended by the State Music Department was approved and sent to the association for final approval.

A VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER

The State Music Festival is almost here. It will be held in First Church, Jackson on Friday, November 27th. 3228 people are qualified to enter this festival. Of this group there are 238 hymn players and more than 200 choirs and ensembles, and instrumen-

tal groups qualified to enter this festival.

Start preparing now to make our State Music Festival the very greatest and largest in the history of our state. It will require a corps of 25 to 30 judges to handle this festival. The program will be climaxed with a Mass choir Concert on Friday night, 7:30 to 9:00 P.M.

If you are a Hymn Player or have a group qualified to enter this Festival, Don't Miss This Opportunity. Make your plans now.

NEWTON ASSOCIATION HOLDS MUSIC WEEK

During the week of September 14-20, Newton Association held a School of Music in the Decatur Church under the leadership of the Associational Music Director, Lester White of Union. A total of 64 people were enrolled in the school with classes taught in Music Theory, Hymn Playing, and Conducting. The week was climaxed with a regular association hymn sing held on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 20th. The Hymn Sing was well attended and there is every reason to believe that Newton Association is on its way to a greater and fuller program of music for all the people.

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Hospitality Day was observed by the First Church of Starkville on Sunday, Sept. 27 when the homes of the church were opened to college students. Dr. Wilburn Smith is pastor and Roy Isbell is BSU secretary.

Music Director

MRS. C. O. ESTES

First Church, Mt. Olive has added to its staff Mrs. C. O. Estes as Music Director. She succeeds Don Wainwright, student at Miss. College who resigned recently after serving the church for two years.

Mrs. Estes has served as music director in churches in Mississippi, Texas and Missouri. She is a former student at Miss. Woman's College, where she served as college organist for two years. She also studied organ at Southwestern Seminary.

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Rev. and Mrs. Joseph W. Mefford, Jr., Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Spain, have arrived on their field of service and may be addressed at Tavern 15, 1, Barcelona 6, Spain. For the past five years Mr. Mefford was pastor of the Osyka Baptist Church, Osyka, Miss.

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

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ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD REPORTS

The Walhall County Brotherhood held their associational meeting with Mess. Baptist Church on Sept. 7. There were 189 men present and all but one church represented. The ladies of the church prepared the meal before the meeting and Lt. Gov. Carroll Gartin brought the message.

The Lebanon County Brotherhood held their associational meeting with Central Church in Hattiesburg on Sept. 8. One hundred men were present with 20 churches represented. A wonderful program was given on Stewardship.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES REPORTED

The Brotherhood at East Side Church in Gulfport sponsored a Vacation Bible School for one week at a colored church in Gulfport. It was well attended with the high attendance of 118. Rev. J. D. Aycock, pastor.

Temple Brotherhood in Lebanon County has an enrollment of 51 and had a average of attendance of about 30 last month. They have carried on quite a few activities including a beautiful sign that was given to the church. Reported by President, L. E. Eller.

West Heights Church of Pontotoc, A. J. Northcut, pastor, has recently closed a Brotherhood Revival with Layman Allison Bell of Tupelo as speaker. In all, 27 decisions were made that week — 17 upon profession of faith for baptism, and 10 by letter. At almost every service since the revival, people have continued to walk the aisles for Christ. In less than a month, 35 have been baptized in the new baptistry.

Iuka Brotherhood has an enrollment of 36 and held 2 meetings last month. Forty homes were visited for the revival by Brotherhood men and a great revival was

held. Monroe Robinson, reporting.

West Side Brotherhood in Union Association has an enrollment of 16 and held 4 meetings. They have an average attendance of 13. Held one jail service. Reported by V. C. Stagg, Jr.

Sumner Brotherhood has an enrollment of 22 and held 4 meetings. They sponsored cottage prayer meeting the week before revival, carried out visitation program within the Brotherhood and held a religious census. B. F. Williams, Jr., reporting.

Ridgecrest Mission, Hinds County, has an enrollment of 18 and held 4 meetings last month. Visitation is their main objective in building the new church membership. The visitation program was set up with Brother Helms as the new supt. of the visitation committee. Reported by Bill King.

Red Banks Brotherhood in Arshall Association has an enrollment of 14. They held an Adult Bible study course in one negro church, built three additional rooms on the church and staged a Homecoming Day. Reported by J. W. Mitchell.

Mesa Brotherhood in Walhall County has an enrollment of 43 and held 4 meetings. They organized the R. A. and G. A.'s in the church, built ping pong tables, make the monthly visitation and made more than 100 personal contacts and had a part in adding 5 new members and 2 by letter to the church. Reported by Watson Brumfield.

Friendship Brotherhood in Jackson Association has an enrollment of 19 and held 4 meetings. 15 visits were made to the sick, 2 jail services, 4 converted through the Brotherhood, continued their Clarke College donation and started with the water proofing on the church. Reported by W. S. Andrews.

Mrs. J. H. Fairchild Dies Away in Wesson

Funeral services for Mrs. J. H. Fairchild, Sr. of Wesson were held Sunday afternoon, Sept. 20 at the Wesson Baptist Church with Rev. C. Felton Barnes, pastor, officiating.

Music for the funeral was a tape recording of three hymns sung by Mrs. James Fairchild, Jr., accompanied by Mrs. James Perritt, a daughter. The music was a part of a radio program which recently was given over the Louisville radio station and which had meant so much to the Mother during her illness. The hymns were: "The Precious Name of Jesus," "Leave It There," and "How Firm a Foundation".

She died Sept. 19, 1953, at the Kings Daughters Hospital in Brookhaven, following an illness lasting three months.

Survivors include her husband, J. H. Fairchild, Sr. and the following children: Mrs. James Perritt, Baton Rouge, La.; James H. Fairchild, Louisville; and W. G. Fairchild, Brookhaven.

JAMES E. CONEY GOES TO MISSOURI CHURCH

James E. Coney, of Jackson, has accepted a call to be associate pastor of the First Church of Festus-Crystal City, Missouri.

Following discharge from the Navy, he entered Mississippi College, where he graduated in 1949, and attended the New Orleans Seminary, working toward the bachelor of divinity degree. During this time he and Mrs. Coney worked in the summer student program of the Southern Baptist Convention. He was ordained and served as pastor of the Springville Church near Doyle, Louisiana while a student in the Seminary.

Mrs. Coney is the former Isabel Smith of Lucien and Jackson, Mississippi. She is a graduate of Mississippi College and the Mississippi Baptist Hospital School of Technology.

In his new position, Mr. Coney will be associated with the pastor, Rev. George A. Hammon, who is well known to many as the author of "Bible on the Table" and "Their Future Is Yours", stories which have recently been made into religious films.

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

By AUNT POLLY

Gold In A Goal

Just like looking in a mirror, your goal reflects the kind of person you are. Every person needs to have a goal, a high goal but one not too high to be reached. And every goal needs to be worthwhile in order to reflect a worthwhile person.

Let me tell you of three people I knew and see what you think of their goals.

I knew a man who strived to be rich. An oil vein was discovered to run through his county and he thought that would surely make him wealthy. He invested a part of his wealth in land and began to drill. Often he said, "Oh! How I want to have TEN oil wells. He invested a part of his wealth in land and began to drill. One derelict after another produced gusher after gusher. He reached six wells, seven, then eight. But before he finished drilling the ninth, two good wells went dry. After several dusters (dry wells) in a row, he again hit a good one. Then two others, making nine wells. But the more he drilled, the more he lost. Never in his life did he reach his goal of ten wells.

I was told of another man who loved dogs, especially bird dogs. It was his goal to have more dogs than anyone and the best dogs in the country. His collection began with Irish setters, English setters and Ric-Rac pointers. Then he acquired Texas Rangers, German short-haired pointers and Gordon and Louellen setters. In a few years he was known as the man with the largest and best collection of dogs in the land.

The third person I want to tell you about was a primary girl who heard her Sunday School teacher tell how the people in China bowed down to wooden idols and that the boys and girls in the land had never heard of Jesus and His love. She began to plan to go to China to tell them how Jesus loved them, and how he invited all to come unto Him. Each day she studied her Bible and remembered her goal.

When she was older, she told her friends of her desire. They agreed that because she had been such a good missionary at home each day, she would be just the one to tell the story of Jesus to the Chinese boys and girls. As a missionary she taught in a Chinese school and there had the opportunity to spread the gospel message. Many people were won to Jesus by her witnessing, and those she won are winning others.

What sort of people do these three goals reflect? In two of the goals, I see selfish people who left nothing for the joy of others. The third goal was a life spent in pi-

in unselfish service for others. The message she carried continues to live from generation to generation.

We need to be certain that our goal does not reflect selfishness and greed. Jesus served others and gave his whole life for us. The missionary lived so much like Him each day that her friends quickly recognized her as being like Jesus.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am 12 years of age. I am a member of Bunker Hill Church, Marion County. Rev. Reece Rogers is my pastor. Mrs. J. O. Carroway, my aunt, is my Sunday School teacher and Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Bufkin are my Training Union leaders.

I have not missed a Sunday in attendance in two years. I have been blessed in many ways since I accepted Christ as my Savior. I would challenge everyone to accept him.

BETTY CAROLE DEASE,
Columbia, Mississippi.

Dear Betty Carol:

Two years of perfect attendance! That is a very good record and one to be proud of. I hope to hear next year that your record is still perfect.

AUNT POLLY.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a little boy age 10, and enjoy life very much. My happy times are when I go to church.

Bro. Grady Wilkes is my pastor. I am a junior; Mr. Clinton Cale is my teacher. Although I am not a member of the church but I am planning that very soon. Our vacation Bible school was so good; I wish it would go longer each year.

DON BARKLEY,
Charleston.

Dear Don:

Everyone who enjoys God's house as you seem to must really love Him. If you have not already made a public profession of faith by joining your church, I think next Sunday would be an excellent time for you to do that.

AUNT POLLY.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a little girl 9 years old. We are having a revival this week at my church. I sit in the Junior Choir. I go to Paynes Church.

JUDY COLE.

Dear Judy:

Even a 9 year old girl can find her place of service in a revival. What a good example you have set for us older people. You found a place to serve in the choir; sometimes we can even be of service by filling the pews!

AUNT POLLY.

(Letters to appear in this column may be addressed to Aunt Polly, c/o The Baptist Record, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.)

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Macedonia

While Pastor A. W. Talbert was supplying at First Church, Brookhaven, we supplied at Macedonia. This was our first visit there since leading in a revival several years ago.

This continues to be one of the most progressive rural churches in the state. The people are already looking forward to making an addition to the church to take care of the growing congregation.

Record readers in Lincoln county are now listed as follows: ARLINGTTON, 28; BETHEL, 27; BIG SPRINGS, 25; BOGUE CHITTO, 70; BROOKHAVEN, 706; CALVARY, 47; CLEAR BRANCH, 21; FAIR RIVER, 57; FRIENDSHIP, 55; GUM GROVE, 49; HEUCK'S RETREAT, 51; HOLLY SPRINGS, 27; LITTLE BAHALA, 38; Macedonia, 137; MISSION HILL, 31; MONTGOMERY, 63; MOAK'S CREEK, 82; MT. MORIAH, 61; MT. PLEASANT, 52; MT. ZION, 45; NEW PROSPECT, 71; NEW SIGHT, 55; PEARL HAVEN, 130; PHILADELPHIA, 29; PLEASANT GROVE, 56; Pleasant Hill, 3; RUTH, 60; Topisaw, 1; UNION HALL, 23; WELLMAN, 78.

Carson Ridge Changes For The Better

For several years Carson Ridge Church has been paying its subscriptions to the Baptist Record annually. However, the church has now adopted the monthly payment making it easier to add and take off names as well as save expenses.

Rev. Jimmy Ammons is the pastor.

Attala County Record readers are now listed as follows:

BEAR CREEK, 40; BEREAL, 38; CARSON RIDGE, 47; COUNTY LINE, 43; Edgefield, 1; ETHEL, 81; HURRICANE, 22; Jerusalem, 1; KISCIUSKO, FIRST, 48; Kosciusko, Second, 13; McAdams, 3; McCool, 24; New Salem, 16; New Hope, 1; NORTH UNION, 26; Pleasant Ridge, 7; Sallis, 4; Sand Hill, 1; Springdale, 1; UNITY, 39; WILLIAMSVILLE, 54; YOCKANOOKANY, 56.

Ashland

Under the leadership of Rev. F. V. Brown, the work at Ashland continues to make progress. The organizations did not undergo the usual summer slump.

Plans are now being considered for the enlargement of the church plant in order to provide more space for people who need to be enlisted.

Record readers in Benton county are now listed as follows: ASHLAND, 81; Bluff Springs, 1; Canaan, 1; FLAT ROCK, 33; HICKORY FLAT, 70; Lamar, 1; Lonoke, 3; New Central, 12; New Hope, 1.

Holly Springs

While attending the Benton County Association, we had the privilege of dropping by Holly Springs. Dr. Earl Kelly, the new

FULL TIME WORKERS AT BEULAH CHURCH



Pictured above are members of Beulah Church (Hinds County) who have dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service. Reading from left to right, back row: Bobby Trotter, a junior at Mississippi College; Wilentz McGraw, student at Edwards High School; Gilmer Jolley, who is attending Clarke College. These have been licensed to the ministry. Middle row, left to right: Fleda McElvoy, Frances Abernathy and Sarah McElvoy, all surrendered to full-time mission work. Front row, Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Williams, pastor and wife.

During the last two years with Mr. Williams as pastor, Beulah has gone from half-time to full-time services. A pastorum has been purchased and the pastor has moved on the field. Improvements have been made on church building and church grounds. The church has entered the Co-operative program, has adopted Every-Family plan of the Baptist Record. There has been a great increase of tithes and offerings and in attendance.

Pontotoc Brotherhood Has Log Fire Revival

The Pontotoc County Brotherhood, Casey Randle, president had a log fire revival at West Heights Church with Lawson Cooke, of Memphis, as principal speaker. Truett Mounce was in charge of the music.

Between 150 and 200 men attended and over 30 men rededicated their lives.

pastor is getting things in high gear. He also conducts a class each Sunday night for new converts.

The Mariana Mission is a source of joy to all the church. The pastor and two lay preachers conduct the program. They are looking forward to the time when this mission can become a full-fledged church.

Record readers in Marshall County are now listed as follows: BYHALIA, 58; Carey, Chapel, 1; CORNERSVILLE, 37; HOLLY SPRINGS, 207; Mt. Moriah, 1; PLEASANT GROVE, 40; POTTS CAMP, 59; Red Banks, 1; SLAYDEN, 57; Spring Hill, 11; COLD WATER, 20.

Rev. and Mrs. D. Curtis Askew, Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan who are in the States on furlough, have moved from Sardis, Miss., to New Orleans, La., where their street address is 4065 Lipsey. Mr. Askew is a native of Sardis, and Mrs. Askew, the former Mary Lee Trenor, is a native of Houston, Miss.

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STUDY COURSE AWARDS FOR AUGUST

By the end of August Training Union workers throughout the state have topped the previous high in study course awards. We now have on record 31,349 Training Union Study Course awards for this year. August's record shows 4,009 awards. These awards by associations are:

Alcorn 1; Attala 161; Bolivar 137; Calhoun 7; Chickasaw 48; Choctaw 3; Clarke 153; Copiah 58; Deer Creek 31; DeSoto 30; Greene 4; Gulf Coast 45; Hinds 210; Holmes 4; Itawamba 20; Jackson 115; Jasper 30; Jefferson Davis 69; Jones 64; Lafayette 271; Lamar 63; Lauderdale 171; Lawrence 79; Lebanon 32; Lee 13; Leflore 60; Lincoln 68; Lowndes 72; Marshall 63; Mississippi 38; Montgomery 15; Neshoba 32; Newton 44; Oktibbeha 18; Pearl River 52; Perry 139; Pike 47; Pontotoc 252; Prentiss 27; Rankin 104; Riverside 176; Scott 59; Simpson 71; Smith 98; Sunflower 110; Tallahatchie 20; Tishomingo 46; Union 143; Union County 19; Walthall 8; Warren 38; Wayne 137; Winston 33; Yalobusha 33; Yazoo 168.

The August report from the Awards Office of The Baptist Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board lists Mississippi as third in the number of awards issued in August. The only states leading Mississippi are Texas and Florida for this particular month.

LOUISVILLE FIRST HAS ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

First Baptist Church of Louisville enrolled 145 during a training Union Enlargement Campaign, September 14-21, and maintained an average attendance in classes during the week of September 21-25.

The classes were held at First Baptist Church of Gulfport of which Dr. Joe T. Odle is pastor.

An average attendance of 249 was maintained throughout the five nights of the course. These people came from sixteen different churches of the association. These churches are Bay St. Louis, Biloxi First, Biloxi Big Ridge, Trinity, Gulfport First, Gulfport West, Gulfport Eastside, Gulfport Grace Memorial, Gulfport Calvary, Handsboro, Long Beach, Lyman, New Hope, Pass Christian, Riverside and Mississippi City.

Eleven classes were provided in Methods for those who attended. Mrs. Jessie Meek, Approved Nursery, Beginner and Primary Worker for the state of Tennessee, taught the Nursery, Beginner and Primary leaders of the association.

Miss Neta Stewart taught the Junior leaders and workers. Miss Louise Hill conducted the class composed of Intermediate leaders and workers. Miss J. C. Greenoe of Vicksburg was the class teacher for the Young People and Mr. Auber J. Wilds, Approved Adult Worker for the state, taught the Adults. The two classes of Juniors were taught by Mrs. B. R. Thurman and Mrs. R. H. Washington, Jr. Intermediates were taught by Mrs. Joe T. Odle and Mrs. Frank Scarborough. The Primary Activity Group was conducted by these three ladies, Mrs. J. C. Brand, Mrs. Clarence Hutchins and Mrs. H. R. Walker. A course in Training Union Administration was directed by Mr. Kermit King.

First Baptist Church has a Training Union enrolment of 268 with one department for each age group and a total of 12 unions. Resident church membership is 825.

Central Training School at Hollandale

Hollandale Baptist Church was the host for a Central Training School the week of September 13-17. Miss Callie D. Chism is the Associational Training Union Director and also Training Union Director for Hollandale Baptist Church. Rev. Mark Ferges is the pastor.

Miss Louise Hill of the Baptist Training Union Department and Mr. Auber J. Wilds, Oxford served on the faculty.

The five churches that participated in the Central Training School were Darlove, East Greenville, Alexander Memorial, Second Leeland and Hollandale.

The Hollandale Training Union added an Adult union and a Nursery to their present organization. **Gulf Coast Association Has Central School**

Under the leadership of V. J. Runnels, an Associational Training Union Director and Rev. O. B. An-

I Am Your

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paper to thank for what we are."

No, I mustn't cite more of that. But I sincerely hope that you too, gentle reader, feel that your church paper fills a place of definite service in your church and denomination.

One of my first duties, I feel, is to bring up to the minute news to my readers. This I try faithfully to do. A well rounded news coverage of my denomination comes first, naturally. But I include news of other Christian communions also, and news of political, economic, social, yes, even scientific affairs, when they bear on religion.

A prayerful aim of your church paper is also to bring inspiration to its readers. My editor purposes so to interpret vital issues of the day that his view-point always carries a spiritual note, a message for the heart as well as for the mind. Selected sermons, short devotionals, Bible studies and matters stimulating to definite prayer and praise have their given place in my pages.

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Roman Catholics understand the value of the printed page. More than 500 Catholic periodicals, with a combined circulation of fifteen million, are published in the United States. We Protestants must get down to business if we are to catch up!

It is my sincere hope that pastors will consider me their assistant. I want to be a real help

Evergreen Church Dedicates Pastorium



The Evergreen Church of the Winston Association dedicated its new pastorium on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 4. The Rev. Aubry Smith, Associational Missionary, delivered the dedicatory message.

Edd Vickers, chairman of the building committee, gave the history of the construction. Rev. W. L. Yeatman, pastor, was in charge of service and gave the prayer of dedication.

The new pastorium consists of a study, living room, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bath, garage and breezeway.

The lot for the pastorium and the building was bought and constructed at a cost of \$10,449.68. Contractor was Earl Crawson of Louisville, Miss.

Serving on the building committee were Edd Vickers, James Sanders, Lem Pearson, Hervie Pearson and Hoyt Steadman.

45 Mississippians At

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ton, James Roger, Tupelo; Smith, Frank Hart, Greenwood; Talbert, Arthur Thomas, Jackson; Tidwell, Velma, Union; Trott, Mrs. E. B., Meridian; Weeks, Betty Jeane, Crystal Springs; Wright, Ethel Dean, Jackson; Young, Dwight Leon, Clinton.

—BR—
Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Ayers, Southern Baptist missionaries of the China staff, have a new address in Gainesville, Fla. It is: 1505 N. W. 7th place. Mrs. Ayers is a native of Hattiesburg, Miss.

to them, faithfully visiting their entire membership every week, thereby furnishing them a well-informed, loyal constituency.

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First Church, Charleston Observes Two Emphases

The First Church of Charleston, observed preparation week for "A Million More in '54", by completing the study course, "The Pull of the People." This book was taught by the pastor, Rev. Landrum P. Leavell. Attendance was good; 63 receiving credit. "Stewardship Emphasis Week" was observed September 28th through October 4th, climaxed by a three-day revival with Dr. E. N. Patterson of New Orleans Theological Seminary bringing the messages. The average attendance for the Stewardship Study was 110. As a result of this Stewardship week 206 members of the church committed themselves as tithers.

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Happy New Year!

Yes, October is always a new year in our church calendar. It is the beginning of another year in our church program.

Last year was a good one, one of the very best we have ever had, but we want this new one to be even better.

This is the year of the greatest Sunday school program that Southern Baptists have ever had, namely, to reach "A Million More in '54." This program is big enough to challenge and small enough to be reached.

It will take much praying, working, planning, studying, but it can be done. Every school should get in on it and do its share.

OCTOBER SPECIALS

Each month of the year has its special emphases. That is good. There should be something special each month.

Here are some of the October specials for this year:

1. Organize new classes. This must be done if we grow. It is a must in any Sunday school program. Since this is the first of the new year, it is by all means the most appropriate time for it. We have learned that, on the average, we reach ten people for every new class we start. So, the best way to reach new people is to start some new classes.

2. Train the workers. Every October there are many, many officers and teachers who are new in the work. Also, there are many who are not new in the work, but who are working in a new place to them. It is different from what they have been doing.

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the duties of the department and the class officers and give to these workers for study. One or two hours spent in a clinic studying the duties of each worker will pay big dividends.

3. Observe Stewardship Week. This is the week of October 18-25, and it is a Southwide week for every church. The books are available at the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, and they are planned so that each age-group can study a special book. Make this a really great week for studying the Bible plan of financing the work of Christ.

4. Plan a Calendar. Work out a calendar of the major events of the year and bring this to the attention of the workers at a regular meeting.

If your school does not have regular meetings of the officers and teachers, call one and present this to them and get them to commit themselves to follow it.

In this way there can be a special emphasis each month, as: Visitation, enlargement, training, State Mission Day, Home and Foreign Mission Day, Vacation Bible School, Cradle Roll Day, Extension Department, evangelism, Promotion Day, etc., etc.

Yes, there are many good things that go along with October. A good start is half the battle, it has been said. So, let us get a good start now for our best year thus far.

DO YOU HAVE A NEW SUPERINTENDENT THIS YEAR?

Each October there are many, many changes in Sunday school superintendents. We have no special way of knowing this unless some one tells us. The association minutes, in many instances, do not get out for a long time after this.

Therefore, if your school has a new superintendent for this year, we shall greatly appreciate it if you will let us know, and give the name and address of the new one. This will help so much.

TRAINING AWARDS RECORD FOR AUGUST, 1953

No. awards for August . . . 1,225
No. awards to date . . . 20,390
No. churches to date . . . 520
No. associations to date . . . 72

HIGH FIVE ASSOCIATIONS

HINDS 376
LEFLORE 131
BOLIVAR 129
LEE 116
ATTALA 75

HIGH FIVE CHURCHES

JACKSON, DANIEL MEMORIAL 247
CLEVELAND FIRST 128
HARRISBURG, TUPELO 114
ITTA BENA, FIRST 95
GULFPORT, FIRST 56

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

October 4, 1953.

Jackson:			
Parkway	1199	563	
First	1850	700	
Main Church	1633	600	
Ridgecrest Chapel	217	100	
Northside	567	124	
Southside	392	174	
Crestwood	547	414	
Daniel Memorial	687	293	
Highland	156	125	
Broadmoor	354	154	
Van Winkle	492	278	
Calvary	1586	513	
Main Church	1492	438	
Mission	94	75	
Robinson Street	168		
Clinton	777	434	
Springfield (Scott Co.)	142	87	
Richland (Rankin Co.)	166	78	
Hattiesburg, Main St.	997	400	
Laurel, Hillcrest	60	64	
Clarksdale	743	112	
Raymond	219	87	
Locust St. (Pike Co.)	97	70	
Laurel, First	548	248	
Beulah (Brownsville)	113	88	
Shiloh (Marion Co.)	76	85	
Murphy Creek, (Winston Co.)	151	127	
Long Beach, First	202	93	
Pleasant Ridge	69	89	
Darling	99	73	
Wayside (Valobusha)	43		
Laurel, Second Ave.	443	116	
Bethlehem (Jones Co.)	151	142	
Laurel, Wildwood	155	87	
Meridian, Highland	510	177	
Union Chapel (Chickasaw Co.)	99	91	
West Laurel	443	163	
Aberdeen, First	342	130	
Hattiesburg, Immanuel	283	151	
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	154	108	
Jayess	80	57	
Laurel, Harmony	158	92	
Kreole	105	53	
Sharon, First (Jones)	155	107	
New Albany, First	635	194	
Mission	51		
West Point, First	618	230	
Crystal Springs, First	731	199	
Cranfield	68	42	
East Corinth	123	56	
Hattiesburg, First	646	228	
Lucedale	376	184	
Meridian, 15th Ave.	566	248	
Hickory Flat	145	83	
Crowder	174	102	
Biloxi, First	598	192	
Purvis, First	230	103	
Mont Rose (Clarke Co.)	105	101	
Charleston, First	401	150	
Corinth, Tate St.	317	84	
Yazoo City, Calvary	230	183	
New Hope (Jones Co.)	55	58	
Hernando	188	95	
Grace Memorial (Gulf Coast)	210	34	
Meridian, South Side	468	188	
Vaiden	131	37	
Amity (Chickasaw Co.)	56	51	
Harrisburg, Tupelo	601	228	
Concord (Choctaw)	119	98	
Columbus, First	1003	379	
Springfield (Adams Co.)	93	54	
Mt. Zion (Lincoln Co.)	128	86	
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	188	100	
East McComb	497	244	
Philadelphia, First	408	137	
McComb, Friendship	207	106	
Bay St. Louis, First	161	43	
Canton, Center Terrace	304	163	
Fair River (Lincoln Co.)	134	71	
Oral (Lamar Co.)	107	78	
Morton	355	178	
Main Church	320		
Mission	35		
Clifton (Scott Co.)	96	139	

State Mission Day To Be Oct. 25

Every church in the state is being urged to observe annual State Mission Day through its Sunday School.

Free materials for use in the observance are available in the office of Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Box 530, Jackson.

These include special offering envelopes and mimeographed State Mission Budget information sheets. State Mission Day in the Sunday School is an annual occurrence and is one of four special offering days approved by the Convention.

Work is underway on the new building under construction at the Pleasant Hill Church in Greene County, with prospects good for moving in the first of November.

Rev. Luther K. Turner is supply pastor. New officers for the year include: Sunday School Supt., Elgin Turner; assistant spt., Wilson Byrd; General secretary, Miss Quatava Turner; treasurer and church clerk, Irvin Byrd.

Teachers: Adult, Irvin Byrd; young people, Mrs. Elgin Turner; Intermediate, Mrs. Wilson Byrd; Junior, W. L. Holder; Primary, Mrs. W. L. Holder; Jr. Primary, Irvin Byrd.

Training Union Officers: Director,

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

50 Years Ago

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, opened on the first of October with 178 young preachers present, including J. R. Hobbs and Bryan Simmons. (This was the only Seminary in the South. In 1953, we have five Seminaries with an enrollment at opening of about 2,500).

40 Years Ago

The revival meeting at Cassville resulted in 32 accessions, 21 for baptism, in which Pastor S. T. Courtney was assisted by Rev. R. A. Eddleman of Georgetown.

25 Years Ago

Twenty-eight joined the First Church, Brookhaven, during the revival in which Pastor J. A. Taylor had Dr. B. L. Davis of Picayune as preacher.

Rev. Howard E. Spell, who teaches Spanish in Mississippi College, and Miss Josephine Trotter of Sardis were married recently in the home of the bride's parents.

tor, Wilson Byrd; secretary, Mrs. Madge Byrd; chorister, O'Bryant Holder; pianist, Miss Yvonne Turner.

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New Ministers Security Plan Offers Five Liberalized Benefits To Members

BY CHESTER L. QUARLES
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
(Second in series of three)

The new Ministers Security Plan being recommended by the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is offering five liberalized benefits, as follows:

1. Increased disability. The present contractual disability annuity of \$500 (maximum) would become a contractual disability annuity of \$900 (maximum), or half the salary if that amount is a lesser figure.

2. Disability or Age Annuity at Sixty. If the disability annuity is entered upon after the member has attained his sixtieth birthday, the annuitant would be given a commuted age annuity rather than the disability annuity.

3. Retirement Possible at Sixty. Any member of the plan would be permitted to retire at age sixty, or any time thereafter, on a commuted annuity — the annuity he would have received at age sixty-five commuted to the age at which he actually retires.

4. Widow Annuity Continued at Retirement. Any member retiring at age sixty-five or thereafter would no longer be required to accept a reduced age annuity in order to protect his wife in event she survives him, but would receive his full age annuity, and, in addition thereto, enjoy the continued protection of the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan for his wife, at no further cost, on the following basis:

Year of Retirement	Sup. Annuity
First year of new plan	50%
Second year of new plan	60%
Third year of new plan	70%
Fourth year of new plan	80%
Fifth year of new plan	90%
Sixth year and thereafter	100%

5. Eligibility. The provisions in the Ministers Retirement Plan for reduction in the amounts of retirement annuities because of delayed participation or the non-payment of

required dues shall not apply during years of eligibility prior to the attainment of age twenty-five.

It is, however, to the advantage of a minister, while under age twenty-five, to become a participant, in order to become eligible for disability retirement and widow's benefits. The penalty for delayed participation prior to age twenty-five which has been incurred would be lifted for those who transfer to the liberalized plan.

The new Plan, to become effective in Mississippi, must be first adopted by the State Convention. It will be presented to the Convention at its annual session in Jackson Nov. 17-19.

Following its adoption by the Convention it must then be adopted by at least two-thirds of those members and churches now in the Ministers Retirement Plan.

When adopted by the above group the new Plan would go into effect July 1, 1954.

Those not voting to go into the New Plan could remain in the present plans but no new contracts would be written after July 1, 1954, if the new Plan is adopted.

Next week we will discuss the increased costs of the New Plan.

Sparks & Splinters

Homecoming services will be held at the Moselle Memorial Church Sunday October 11. A full day's program is being planned and dinner will be served at the Church. Rev. E. M. Bilbo pastor of the Oral Church will be the afternoon speaker, and he will bring special singers and music from his church for the afternoon service.

The many friends of T. T. Gooch of Oakland, will regret to learn that he has had 2 accidents recently that have him in the hospital at Charleston. First, while sawing wood he injured his hand which kept him in the hospital for a few days. After coming home, while riding in a truck which a colored man was driving, they had a wreck which resulted in his leg being badly fractured, his nose broken, some very painful lacerations about the face, and his hand reinjured which caused the removal of his middle finger and part of his ring finger. Many friends will want to send him a word of cheer as he convalesces.

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — (BP) — The first Baptist Church for Eskimos to be organized in Alaska was constituted recently with fifty-seven charter members. John T. Dickerson is pastor of the church which was named Native Baptist Church. Organization of the church is the culmination of eight years of work with the native people of Fairbanks.

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The Blue Mountain scholarship award has been presented to Linda Anderson, Spartan, Tenn., president of the Eunomians, by President Lawrence T. Lowrey. This award, a plaque, is presented annually to the society whose members have made the highest average of quality points during the preceding semester. The plaque will hang in the Eunomian parlor until another group wins it.

Among recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: V. Beets, Silver Creek, Rev. C. L. Boland, Silver Creek; Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Chandler, and Jimmy, Summit; H. M. Brooks, Mathiston; Rev. C. R. Williams, Brownsville; Joseph R. Nanney, Jr., Sumner; James Haggard, Phillips; James Hayes, Durant, Rev. J. H. Street, Wm. H. Hearick, and Harry Smallwood, Laurel; Dan Lloyd, Chula Vista, Calif.; Ellis Bryan, Vicksburg; Dr. John G. McCall, Vicksburg; Mr. and Mrs. W. P. West, Vicksburg; Dr. George W. Schroeder, Memphis, Tenn.

The September meeting of the teachers and officers of the Coffeyville Church Sunday School was held in the form of a banquet on Sept. 28 with 35 present. Leroy Edwards, superintendent, presided with the following on program: Pastor G. B. Basden, Clyde Pace, Wilford Harbour, and J. O. Ellett. The meal was served by Mrs. Leroy Edwards and daughter, Vernel. The Sunday School set a goal of 20 per cent increase in enrollment for 1954.

Rev. Curtis Askew, missionary to Japan, will be the speaker at the services Sunday, Oct. 11, both morning and evening at the Monteetee church. At the evening hour he will use pictures to vitalize his message.

The second Baptist church in Mississippi was in the vicinity in which Port Gibson now stands, was a fact revealed during the afternoon session of Homecoming Day at the Port Gibson Church on September 20. The historic group was known as the Bayou Pierre Baptist Church, organized in 1798. The Port Gibson Church served dinner to the large crowd who attended the all day service. Rev. A. A. Ward is the pastor.

The Rev. I. D. E. Thomas, pastor of Caersalem Baptist Church, Caernarfon, Wales, plans to spend several months next year visiting Baptists in the United States. He expects to arrive in April, 1954. In his early 30's, Mr. Thomas is described in the British religious press as "an outstanding preacher whose services are in constant demand throughout the British Isles." Mr. Thomas has expressed the desire to visit in as many Southern Baptist churches as possible during his visit. Any church wishing to contact him may write him at "Yr Hafan," St. David's Road, Caernarfon, Wales.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — (BP) — The name of Green Tree Manor, recently acquired by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for student housing, has been changed to Seminary Village, announced Duke K. McCall, president of the Seminary.

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KATHRYN JASPER

Mr. Jesse Phillips, senior at Ole Miss and State BSU President, will preside, and Miss Kathryn Jasper, BSU Secretary for MSCW, is in charge of local arrangements for the twenty-ninth annual Mississippi BSU Convention to be held at MSCW, Columbus, October 30-November 1. Their responsibilities are many so please do not forget to remember them prayerfully during these pre-Convention days.

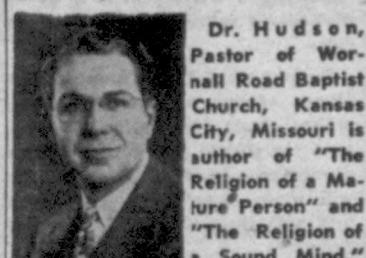
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State Exec. Comm. meets here Oct. 13. One thing to remember is that \$15,000 is still available for Student Center lots and that the Exec. Comm can make grants for such.

Percy Pounders, Eudora, is new BSU President for Northwest Jr. Mrs. Estelle Bobo, of the College, and Dr. H. L. Martin, retired pastor of Senatobia, are helping the fine group of Baptist students up there.

Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



He writes this column each week for the Baptist Record.

CHURCH PICTURE STOLEN

Question: A young lady in our church was gloriously saved after seeking salvation for some time. Later she presented the church with a beautiful picture of Christ. Quite a few things were said and done concerning the picture, but just this past week the picture was taken from off the walls of the church and its whereabouts are not known. The young lady is a babe in Christ and is deeply hurt.

Can you help us (the church) to locate the picture?

Answer: No, I'm afraid I can't help you to locate the picture. But I can help you to help the young lady — that is your real problem.

The picture was stolen, likely by some church member who thought that he would stop the controversy. There are a good many Christians (I happen to be one) who dislike seeing pictures of Christ hanging on the walls of church auditoriums. They seem so

inadequate. And it smacks a little of Catholicism, some feel.

Now that the picture is stolen, what should the real Christians do? Return evil for evil? Stir up more trouble by replacing it? I think not. This is one theft that may have been a blessing. (Understand, I didn't get the picture! And I don't advise evil to get good results.)

Some mature church members ought to sit down with this new convert and help her to see that nobody intended to insult her. Even good people make serious mistakes. This is her chance to grow. Pray with her and talk it out with her. If she lets this cripplle her, she wouldn't get far in the Christian life anyway. Troubles will come; they must be overcome.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

For October 11

GOD'S DESIGN FOR NEW MEN

Texts for the Greater Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 5:1-10; Mark 7:20-23; John 3: 305; Philippians 4:13; I Peter 1:13-16, 22, 23; Printed Text: Jeremiah 31:31-34; I Peter 1:13-16, 22-23.

I. A BIT OF BACKGROUND

Jeremiah lived in a day when religion was ridiculed or ignored, when idolatry flourished and when dishonesty was almost universal. He reduced by his surroundings to a state of despondency and complaint. In the midst of this unhappy state, God opened the eyes of Jeremiah's understanding and bestowed upon him a vision of the glory and purpose of God. Then the troubled and sorely vexed soul of the prophet awoke in joyful means of praise to God and in joyful prophecies of the coming golden age for God's people. So Jeremiah became to all subsequent ages a striking example of the triumph of the moral and spiritual in the nature of a godly man over the miseries of an ungodly environment and an unpromising outlook.

The First Epistle of Peter is a pamphlet of exhortation. The words of this epistle are addressed to the scattered and persecuted Christians throughout the wide bounds of the Roman Empire. The epistle discusses the meaning and purposes of persecution, and shows how every circumstance connected with any evils Christians have to suffer may be turned, under the grace of the Almighty to the Christian's eternal profit. Peter pleads that men who, by the new begetting of the word of God, have become new men, may demonstrate that newness in a world of wicked men.

Do we need, any of us, to be told of the awful condition of our world today? I am willing enough to grant, yea, forward enough to affirm that there has been advancement over the conditions that obtained in the days of Jeremiah and Peter, but we are still so far from the state desired by our Heavenly Father that the world of our day shudders on the brink of the abyss. All that our Lord needs to rejuvenate the world is enough thoroughly Christian men upon whom He may depend in the struggle with the hordes of darkness. But there is the lack.

There are said to be two billion people in the world who are lost from God, aliens from the kingdom of His Christ and enemies to the forces through which God purposed to bring confusion to His enemies and victory to the cause of righteousness. These lost people are under dominion of sin, and only the power of God exerted through recreated men can set these enslaved and sin-dominated men free. List a few of the problems created by this paucity of Christian men, there is the strife between capital and labor, a strife waged without truce or mercy during the darkest days of our country's distress during the recent war.

Neither side would listen to any

plea for peace between them, even the safety of our country was urged as a reason for their being at peace and subordinating their selfish interest to the good of our civilization. There again is the unequal division among the peoples of the world of the products of the earth under the hand of labor. This division is unequal even in our own land.

Then, towering above all other threats to our economy, our way of life, our civilization is the hourly threat of war, grim, terrible, insatiable war — war that may well destroy the race, or send it reeling back into savagery.

II. THE NEED FOR NEW MEN

We recognize the need for a change. There is no difference of opinion here. All men everywhere agree that we are in a bad case. Who shall bring us deliverance from the threat of destruction? "God", you answer, and your answer is absolutely right; but through what instrumentality will God achieve this deliverance? The answer is just one. There is no multitude of ways by which deliverance may be affected: there is just one way.

Our God has never hinted of a plurality of plans by any one or any combination of which He may or can redeem the world. His one way is through men, new men, regenerated men. Let me say what I want to say as reverently as I can, but let me say it in all earnestness: Wicked men, under given circumstances, bind the arms of the Lord God Almighty. He works through the agency of men, willing men, men who are willing with a willingness that brings to dawn the day of His power. Give Him men, yielded men, devoted men, and God will work the wonder of salvation for a world and in a world that seems self-deemed to destruction.

Do you want a new home in the place of one where contention makes chaos and confusion? Present yourself to God with a will to devote your heart to Him, and He will make your heart and home new with the newness of His presence.

You want a new community in which to live? Strive to win the men and women of your community to Him, and when you have won enough of them to gain control of your community and dedicate it to the search for the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, you will thereby and therein realize your desire.

"All right, then! But how do we secure that these men shall become new? Is there some catholicon for the ills of the world? Is there some process for the reformation, the transformation, the transmutation of the hearts of bad men into those of good men?" Yes! Let us look for a moment at the promise of God.

III. GOD'S PLAN FOR PROVIDING NEW MEN

Too long have men been trying to lift themselves out of their unhappy lost condition, and too long, of course, have they failed, as always, be it a billion years, they must fail. And why? Well, that which separates man from God is a cause, a depravity that goes down to the very root and heart and seat of his nature. This leaves him as helpless to heal himself, to bring himself into right relation



Shown above are those who attended the Vacation Bible School held at Oak Grove in Holmes County. There was an enrollment of 47. Rev. Vollie Scott is the pastor.

SCOBEE CHURCH IS REMEMBERED IN WILL

The Scobey Church has been remembered by the late Mrs. Georgia R. Wade of Scobey in her will.

According to her will the Scobey Church will receive the proceeds from about 30 acres of land, to be sold as soon as possible after her death.

Mrs. Wade was loyal to her Lord and church. For about fifty years she was one of the outstanding leaders of her church, having held the office of church clerk, Sunday School teacher and other places of leadership. She was faithful in her church attendance until confined to her home.

W. H. Haynes is pastor of the church.

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The many Mississippi friends of the Rev. M. S. Riley will be interested to know that he has resigned the pastorate of the West Orange Church, Orange, Texas, in order to give his full-time to the field of evangelism.

with his God, to make a new man of him as it would be for a leper to will himself clean, or a paralytic by desire and effort to leap and run. There must be some power above him to bring him out of his lost estate. His whole nature, all his thought, all his affection, all his will — his whole nature is corrupted, depraved. This does not mean that he is as bad as he can be, likely, but it means that he is bad in every part of him.

God proposes to bring this lost, depraved man through the process of another birth, and this birth is inward, spiritual, mystic. In Jeremiah He promised to affect this change within, upon the tablets of the hearts of men. God proposes an inward change that shall make the old, sinful, hostile heart of man anew in its disposition — in its loves, in its thoughts, in its purposes, so that the old man is no longer, but in his place a new man.

He demands only that the old man be willing to be made new, and that he submit himself to the regenerating power of God's spirit, and the honor of God is pledged to that man's regeneration, renewal, rebirth, and a rebirth that bears him into the family of God. Under the fostering care of the Spirit of God, the new-born man becomes such a man as God can use in the rejuvenation of this old

Lyon Church To Begin Construction Of Building

The Lyon Church, on the northeast edge of Clarksdale, authorized the beginning of construction on a \$40,000 addition to their present facilities and remodelling of a part of the existing building on Sunday morning, September 27. Contracts were signed on September 28 and work is to begin immediately.

The enlarged and remodelled facilities will provide assembly and classrooms for every department of the Sunday School, including two modern nurseries. Also provided will be the church office, pastor's study, a modern kitchen, additional rest rooms, choir room and church library.

The Lyon church has enjoyed a remarkable growth during the twelve-month tenure of the present pastor. Nearly eighty persons have been received into the fellowship of the church, and active brotherhood has been organized, the W. M. U. has been enlarged through the organization of new circles, an organized music program has been inaugurated, a church secretary employed and a constant increase in the attendance of all departments noted. Rev. C. K. Skutt is the pastor.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

October 5 — Miss Annie Hendricks, registrar, Blue Mountain College;

Rev. G. O. Parker, Simpson County Chairman of Evangelism.

October 6 — R. R. Pearce, faculty, Mississippi College; Mrs. C. G. Huggins, Lafayette WMU Supt.

October 7 — Jesse C. Akers, Lee Associational Training Union Director; Rev. J. I. Berryhill, Lee Associational organizer of evan-

October 8 — Rev. Curtis Miller, Marion Associational Sunday School Supt.; Rev. Gordon Singing, Convention Board member, Hinds County.

October 9 — A. L. McGaugh, faculty adviser, State BSU Council.

October 10 — C. H. Gilbert, Wayne Associational Brotherhood President; Miss Gordy Hughes, District 6 Young People's leader.

October 11 — Layman's Day.

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Mississippi College Emphasizes Prayer



CLINTON — When a student enters Mississippi College, leaving home for the first time, he doesn't lose contact with spiritual life. Several times during the day there is opportunity to stop for a moment of spiritual regeneration, says Charles M. Talbert, student secretary.

First, there are the dormitory prayer groups each night. The BSU urges that every Choctaw be in the dormitory prayer meeting at 9:30 each evening. "Roommates should be prayermates", is an expression familiar to every Mississippi College student. Prayer rooms are provided on the second floor of Whittington Hall Student

Center for prayermates or individuals to come for meditation.

Four days a week, the students pause for twenty minutes between classes for the Chapel period. Tuesday through Thursday a faculty member brings a short devotional and on Friday a student organization is in charge.

Focal point of the day, both for student body and the leaders, is Noon-day Prayer meeting. This year it has broken all previous attendance records. Three hundred thirty-five students assembled in the student center auditorium last Friday as 95 of this number stood in the 240 seat room. The BSU De-

votional Committee, headed by Peggy Emerson of Hernando, is doing everything possible to provide additional seating space.

The spirit of these services has been truly inspiring, with great congregational singing, thought-provoking messages, and heart-warming solos, according to Charles M. Tolbert, student secretary.

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First Church, Winona, will hold reception on the tenth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. C. B. Hamlett, III, on Sunday afternoon, October 11, from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Resolutions Praise Committee Report

WHEREAS we believe the examination of our Mississippi Baptist colleges by the Survey Committee appointed by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has done for Mississippi Baptists a work of such completeness, efficiency and fairness that routine expressions of appreciation would fail fully to convey the sincere feeling of the State Convention Board and its special visitors.

BE IT RESOLVED by this Board and visitors that we go on record as acclaiming the Survey Committee for a superior piece of work, accomplished in Christian concern and love, at a sacrifice of time and effort beyond usual requirements, and at a minimum cost to Mississippi Baptists;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee be strongly commended for its objective approach, its sympathetic point of view and its humility of action and expression in both research and recommendations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dr. R. Orin Cornett be given special commendation for his earnest, able presentation of the report;

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that each member of the Committee be sent a copy of this reso-

Southwest Pastors To Meet On October 12

The Southwest Baptist Pastor's Conference will meet on October 12 with the Sunny Hill Baptist Mission in Pike Co. The program for the day is as follows:

Song and Praise Service, Rev. Vernon May; Devotional, Reverend Clyde Rogers; Bible Study, Rev. W. T. Douglas; Business and Announcements; "The Value of an Enlargement Campaign," Versil S. Crenshaw of Nashville; Special Music; Sermon, Rev. J. M. Spikes; Dinner by the host church, Rev. Andrew Chandler, pastor.

The Sunny Hill Mission is located just east of McComb on Highway 48 just south of the intersection of 24.

Rev. W. W. Tipton is president and Rev. W. T. Douglas is secretary and treasurer. The meeting will begin at 9:30.

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Blue Mountain College has been presented with a 16mm sound projector for audio-visual purposes. It is for the use of teachers in their class work. Miss Clara Etta Berry, daughter of "Mother" Berry gave the projector.

lution and a copy be sent to the Baptist Record for insertion at the editor's pleasure.

S. R. Woodson, Marion Perry, and Purser Hewitt.

(The committee was appointed by Board Chairman Rev. J. R. Davis.)

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Forty-~~ee~~ Years Ago

By A. D. MUSE

The first Sunday in September 1910 I had gone clear across Simpson county on a mouse-colored mule weighing seven hundred pounds to supply for Brother Wayne Sutton at old Mount Zion Church, slightly southwest of Magee. I would be 20 years old the coming October 3.

I spent the night in the home of Brother H. K. Farmer, a dear man of God who was one of the preachers of that day and one of the best pastors that country ever had. Brother J. C. Buckley was a



REV. A. D. MUSE

great Bible digger, an expository preacher. Brother Farmer was a great, loving, precious pastor. Oh, he used to come to our home so much and spend the night and eat just such as we poor motherless children could cook. I do hope we can talk over earth's experiences in heaven. How I do want to see those two precious country preachers of my childhood and tell them what they meant to me and to our home of poverty back there! I do hope that will be so when I get to heaven.

On Saturday I went on out to Mount Zion and preached. Churches had preaching on Saturday then and attended to all business matters. All the country churches and some of the town churches did. I preached Sunday morning and made it back to Brother Farmer's house at old Westville and spent Sunday night. It was then that Brother Farmer's boys told me that "Miss Laura" Berry wanted some boy to live in her home and do a few chores for his board.

Next morning, forty-three years ago I rode up to "Miss Laura's" house. I got the job!

I went into "Miss Laura's", took over my room and got a line on the things I was to do about the house. I went over to the school house and got my classes lined up. I was in the fourth grade. I skipped everything to the ninth year—first year of high school.

What did I do about books? Buy them on credit? No. I did not have any credit. Day by day I borrowed certain books from some students and studied them that night and would always study an entire advance-lesson each night in the books I had that night. The next day I borrowed certain other books from other students and did likewise. Not all

the students would loan me books. But I got along.

What about clothes? After I got through with my chores about the place at "Miss Laura's" and supper was over I would wash my clothes and make up a fire in the fire place and dry them, and at the same time heat the "smoothing iron." While the clothes were drying I would study my lessons and then iron my clothes and then go to bed. Sometimes I did not iron them. I picked cotton on Saturday at forty cents a hundred to try and get enough money to buy some clothes before cold weather came. But I did not make much progress. Well, "I was at my row's end."

One Saturday morning I borrowed three dollars from a friend and got on the train and went to Florence to the home of our old family pastor, Brother Wayne Sutton and told him just what I had done and how I had come out. I asked him to take me in. He told me to get my clothes and come back. I said, "I don't have any clothes to go get." He could not believe me I said, "Yes, Brother Sutton, everything I have is what I have on my back." Brother Sutton took me.

Brother Wayne Sutton was the most polished, the most gentle looking man, the smoothest tempered man I have ever known in my life. Had had a very rapid and smooth flow of speech. I have never heard a speaker to equal him for smoothness, for rapidness of speech, and for graphic descriptives. And he was an endless student. For that day and time he had a marvelous library.

I spent every one of my idle hours in that library; Matthew Henry, John A. Broadus, Len G. Broughton, B. H. Carroll, C. H. M.—volumes, volumes, volumes, almost without end and I read them avidly. But I also milked eleven head of cows, fed forty head of hogs, three hundred chickens, and ran the milk through the old-fashioned De Leval cream separator. I made up all the beds and swept all the floors every morning before going to school.

On Saturdays I cleaned out all the cow-stalls, swept the yards, hoed the garden, and put firewood and stovewood on the long porch to do the entire coming week. I always went to town on Saturday just in time to get back to the house by four o'clock. I went to get the mail. Brother Sutton was always gone somewhere to preach on Saturdays but I still had to start milking at four p. m. Saturday as well as the six days a week.

I can tell you truthfully, for two years I went, literally, in a run from one job to another and from one place to another. I do not mean that Brother Sutton was a "driver" or mean to me. No! But there was a lot to do. And I had to make good there and I had to do my school work. Thank God, I was able to do both.

Yes, Brother Sutton bought all of my clothes for me. And he bought good ones too.

Would I go over it all again if I could? I wish I could, just for character!

Coody Goff Ordained At Friendship Church

Coody Goff of Moss Point was ordained to the Gospel ministry on Wednesday night, Sept. 30 at the Friendship Church in Kreole.

Rev. Pete Steelman, pastor, delivered the sermon. Rev. S. E. Nix, pastor of Wade Church gave the charge. E. J. Hardy presented the Bible. The Rev. Mr. Goff is pastor of a church in Alabama.

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SOUTHERN SEMINARY HAS RECORD ENROLMENT

Five new professors signed the historic Abstract of Principles of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at the Convocation service September 22. The service marked the beginning of the Seminary's 94th year with the largest enrollment in its history.

Denton R. Coiker, Sabin P. Landry, and Ernest J. Loessner, all assistant professors of Religious Education; Eric C. Rust, professor of Christian apologetics, and

Wayne E. Ward, assistant professor of Christian theology, brought to 57 the number of men who have signed the document during the history of Southern Seminary, agreeing to teach "in accordance with, and not contrary to the New Testament principles defined by the Seminary's founders nearly 100 years ago.

October 1 enrollment figures showed an all-time record of 1,359 students matriculated. This includes 958 in the School of Theology (exactly 100 more than were enrolled at the same time last year), 73 in the School of Church Music (an increase of 19 over 1952-53), and 64 in the first year of the School of Religious Education.

The Evening School, which also opens for the first time this session, has enrolled 126 men and women in classes in Old Testament, New Testament, and Religious Education. This group is made up largely of student wives who, because of work during the day, are unable to enrol in regular classes. In addition, there are 138 special students studying in the three schools of the Seminary.

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The Younger Generation Does A Better Job In Small Churches

BY GARLAND A. HENDRICKS

Attitudes are quite different about this generation of young people. Some say they are going to the devil. Others say they are the best yet. No doubt, there are some going in both directions.

Last Sunday I was given great encouragement about the possibilities for the present generation of young men and women. It was Homecoming Sunday at Elm Grove Church, where I was pastor twenty years ago. I found the congregation assembled in a beautiful new building, and saw evidence of a new interest in religion and church work. There are several striking improvements.

First, more people are assuming responsibility. A young woman taught the young adult's Sunday school class, and did it well. One of the deacons told me that most of the younger men and women lead in public prayer now when called upon to do so. Twenty years ago there were only a few who could do so.

Second, the church is better organized. The reason for organization in churches is in order to designate responsibility and channel efforts of a group. At Elm Grove the people have learned that the Lord's work can be done much more effectively when a group is organized.

Third, the people are giving much more generously. When I looked at the bulletin board and saw that the morning offering at Sunday school amounted to \$738.27 I could not believe it. I looked again, and finally asked the superintendent about it. The announcement was correct. I could remember when it took us two years to raise that much money at Elm Grove.

Fourth, Elm Grove now has an excellent choir, and the great old hymns of the church are used. I was delighted to find that Elm Grove has not gone for modernistic religious jazz. These old hymns have a message that never grows old, and they touch the deeper needs in every human heart whenever they are used.

Fifth, the young married couples bring their children to church. Why not? It is possible to destroy our churches by just leaving the children at home. They cannot know what churches are for unless they be brought by their parents and be taught to conduct themselves in a worthy manner while there.

Sixth, the church has adopted a full time program of work and now for the first time has a pastor living with the people. Heretofore, they have majored on a preaching ministry. Now they have more preaching than ever before, and also a pastoral ministry. Their spiritual helper is in the community to be of help whenever and however needed.

Throughout the day it was obvious that Elm Grove is now in its greatest work as a church because the younger members are working at their mission for the Lord as no other generation ever did in that community. This is a hopeful sign.

Father, Son To Lead Vicksburg Revival

A revival at the Calvary Church, Vicksburg will begin on October 11 with all day services and dinner on the ground. Rev. Barney Walker, Sr., visiting evangelist will arrive in time for the evening service. The pastor, Barney Walker, Jr., will direct the music during the week.

Cottage prayer meetings have been held each night during the week preceding the meeting. The W. M. U. is sponsoring morning and evening prayer services during the week. Saturday night an all-night prayer service will be held in the church.

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First Church Of Winona To Award Gold Wreaths

The First Church of Winona will award fourteen gold wreaths Sunday for two years' perfect attendance in Sunday School. Last year at this time 18 were given gold pins for a year's perfect attendance. The fourteen of the 18 who have kept their perfect record are: Elsie Lynn Holder, Bill Caldwell, Sherry Townsend, Jack Townsend, Franklin Aldridge, S. E. Caldwell, Jack Aldridge, Mrs. John Holder, Leslie Townsend, Jr., M. C. Billingsley, Mrs. D. B. Dotson, Roy Rhine, R. F. Thompson, D. L. Woods.

Sunday Alice Carol Dudley will be given a gold pin for a year's perfect attendance. Betty Bryan, Bobby Adams, and Mrs. Charlie Crenshaw will receive six months pins.

Since October 1st, 1951, the church has awarded 50 gold year pins to the following: Elsie Lynn Caldwell, Sherry Townsend, David Eugene Caldwell, Franklin Aldridge, Phil Minyard, Jack Townsend, S. E. Caldwell, Jack Aldridge, Leslie Townsend, Jr., M. C. Billingsley, Mrs. John Holder, Mrs. D. B. Dotson, S. B. Minyard, Roy Rhine, R. F. Thompson, D. L. Woods, Miss Fannie Morrow, Gloria Dacus, A. T. Hammond, Mrs. P. H. Thompson, Mrs. L. E. Townsend, Mrs. John Thompson, Linda Hammond, Maurice Ferguson, J. V. Ferguson, Mrs. Neal Wilson, Mrs. J. V. Ferguson, Miss Frances Knox, Mrs. Billy Box, Frankie Ferguson, Martha Dacus, Reverend C. B. Hamlet, III, Sarah Thompson, Mrs. Grey Pickens, Mel Rose Johnson, P. H. Thompson, Miss Elma Tyler, Marilyn Johnson, Reba Sue Rhine, Marcha Ann Rhine, Billy Gamble, W. J. Gamble, Mrs. W. J. Gamble, David Ward, Mrs. G. L. Dacus, Celeste Ferguson, Mrs. Ayleen Embry, Alice Sarol Dudley.

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Over 24,000 Roman Catholics joined the Methodist Church last year — three times as many as the number of Methodists who became Catholics. Fifty-seven percent gave as their reason their dissatisfaction with the beliefs of the Catholic Church, and 43 percent because of marriage.

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